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In re Application of)
Gary T. Dane, et al.) Group: 3727
Serial No.: 10/685,247)
Filed: October 14, 2003)
Title: ORTHOPAEDIC INSTRUMENT) Examiner: Stephen J. Castelland
STERILIZATION CASE)

AMENDMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated June 8, 2006, having a period for response set to expire on September 8, 2006, which period has been extended by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time to expire on October 8, 2006, Applicants hereby submit the following amendment.

The following amendment papers are included herewith:

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